

Award reveals love for city

Oxfordshire has been crowned one of the best UK Great Britain cities for the young people in the city category in a survey award at the British Youth Travel Awards at London last week.

The city won the accolade in the Best UK Youth Destination category and is the result of the hard work of visitor information centres Experience Oxfordshire, which works with local partners, universities and city authorities to provide top-quality Oxford information, history and heritage.

Representing Oxfordshire at the awards, Hayley Rose Gamage, Experience Oxfordshire chief executive, said: "We

are delighted with this achievement. It shows that young people love visiting our city of discovery spaces. We know what a great destination Oxford is and it's a great to see this recognition by the national press."

Councillor Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said he was "delighted that voters of our great city of Oxford have been voted as one of the UK's best cities for young travellers". He added: "As a university city, we have a fabulous range of culture, clubs, music and dance events that are among the best in the country for small cities."



Experience Oxfordshire chief executive Hayley Rose Gamage, third from right, celebrates Oxford's achievement with other award winners

Emergency shelter for homeless launches as temperature plunges

By Eva Armstrong

WOLFFORD 21 homeless people made use of an emergency shelter in Oxford as temperatures fell sharply.

City Council's temporary sheltering scheme is a winter initiative. Oxford City Council welcomed its 21st Winter Emergency Shelter (WES) which is activated only in extreme conditions.

They went through with the emergency provision on Friday, with 21 people making use of the facilities. Speaking from the shelter, housing councillor Mike Fowler

said: "We have a team of volunteers who do everything to see to general needs here - or warm - to homeless people under city shelter."

The move follows on with plans with local partners to help and homeless Oxfordshire, with people more than 100 bed spaces through their hotel and further accommodation in the community.

Chris Davies, CEO of Oxfordshire County Council, said: "The implementation of WES means that we provide a further 100 spaces."

"It is a hard reality that people are at risk of dying on the streets during the winter and collectively we continue to do our best to reduce

rough sleeping in Oxford."

WES opens on the first night of the period where the risk of frost is forecast. The temperature will fall to zero or below on three or more consecutive nights.

But Davies party leader David Thomas said the protocol should be made available to see on the first night of the cold. The goal is to see the protocol in place but it would be a test to see if the homeless sheltering of the requirement to see it.

Now the Gove party is working with charity Homeless UK to open a temporary shelter hotel and shop on Commercial Street.

Homeless UK trustee, Mrs. Mary Cleary said the charity was supported by local to see an old provision in Commercial Street can be used until it is closed and at the end of January next year.

The council said the plan is to turn the shelter into a shelter for people who have no local connections was rejected by the city council after this month.

Mr Cleary added: "The hotel will act as a shop and we want to see the shelter to see the first night of the shelter."

"We're expanding and we want to see the shelter to see the first night of the shelter."

InBrief

Flasher at school

A MAN exposed himself outside of a school in Oxford four times in one week.

Police are investigating four incidents of indecent exposure outside St Clare's School in Henley Road.

According to police, the incidents occurred between 11pm and 1am on November 18, November 21, and November 23. The offender is described as a man, white, with dark hair. He was wearing a white jacket and black trousers.

If you can help, call 101.

Seacourt park and ride to expand

OXFORDSHIRE plans to use green belt land to expand a park and ride car park in Oxfordshire have been agreed.

Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council have agreed to expand the Seacourt Park and Ride car park. The expansion will increase the number of spaces from 100 to 150 spaces.

Oxford City Council said it was one of the groups that shared in the application, saying it would increase road safety in the area. It added: "It is a test to see if the homeless sheltering of the requirement to see it."

The council's planning committee supported the development after a report from the Environment Agency which said the development would not increase the risk of flooding.

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Youth groups urged to apply for grant share

100/151 organizations in Oxford are being urged to apply for grants to support their work.

Oxford City Council has set aside £16,000 for grants to support young people's wellbeing, health and education.

The funding is split into two categories, small activities which build good relationships around health and wellbeing, social health and relationships, crime and anti-social behaviour and employment, education and independent living.

In the second category for bigger activities, organizations can apply for up to £10,000 to deliver health events for children and adults in

Oxfordshire. The council said: "The grants programme aims to build capacity in the voluntary and charity sector to better meet demands of children and young people."

"We greatly encourage interested groups to apply for our small grants," said a council spokesman. "The grants will support a wide range of projects, including those that build a volunteer group for the disabled and non-disabled young people who support other young people who are disadvantaged or vulnerable."

The deadline for applications is January 18. For more information and eligibility go to oxford.gov.uk/youthfund.



Club captain Darren Elliott launched the shirt at partners KOP in the Westgate.

OXFORD City Stars captain Elliott, joined in with the festive celebrations as they unveiled a special annual Christmas party. The city's top hockey team presented special dinnerware for the league for the players to use the Christmas games themed kit for the home league game against Lew Valley on Sunday.

Each player's new kit will also include all the items that will come with the kit, known as the kit bag. The kit bag will include a

Free are also encouraged to be

bring teddies and soft toys to the match for fellow supporters to buy and these can be sold in a raffle 'teddy throw' to raise additional funds for the charity drive.

Stars players will present a big cheque when they meet their annual sale for the children's fund on December 19, along with toys they have been collecting from retailers and fans.

The NRP, South 2 outfit, need £10,000 for the hospital but this year Stars director, Garry Bay

Turnbull, said: "The club started this last year and it was really popular. It meant so much to the players to get a bit back especially at Christmas, so much so former player James Clark has agreed this year a fund raising."

"It has really galvanised the club and we decided to go a step further this year with the annual Christmas groups to give our backing to a great cause and help raise more awareness of the great work the hospital does and also to raise more funds."

ImBrief

Theft from house

A NUMBER of people broke into a house in Oxford and stole items.

Police have named the OCVV group of a man who they believe may have vital information on connections with the burglary on November 15. The incident took place between about 10pm and 11pm in Kenwood Road, Oxford.

A number of unknown offenders gained entry to the house by climbing a window at the rear of the property. A total amount of cash and other small household items were stolen.

If you can help, call 101.

Tour guide operator

OXFORD Bus Company has taken over running of Oxford, Fife and City Sightseeing Oxford bus tours.

The bus line announced last week it had bought previous operators, Two Cities Limited.

The replacement operator will continue to run as a standalone business and will receive local investment in the future, according to Oxford Bus Company.

Housing boost and no cuts to services under council budget proposals

Council bids to cut gap between rich and poor

By Eve Atkinson

OXFORD City Council unveiled plans to reduce the gap between the rich and the poor in Oxford despite a £100m package of funding coming in to end.

Oxford City Council unveiled plans for a balanced budget over the next four years rather than the next, promising no cuts to services and increased investment in social housing.

This is despite a central government grant worth £100m being withdrawn in 2010.

Councillor Ed Turner, deputy leader of the council, said he had heard members for finance and asset management, and the budget will make a real difference while the city goes through challenging times.

He said: "There are significant challenges poverty and homelessness continue to be major problems, with rough sleeping numbers rising sharply."

some permanent policies, notably the freeze on benefits and the introduction of Universal Credit, says councillor Ed Turner.

As part of the council's overall plan to increase the current £1.4m yearly budget of housing provision services by £500,000 while also paying an additional £1m to purchase properties for temporary accommodation for local homeless families.

It also hopes to grant a £10m loan to the housing company, a council-owned company to build and acquire 100 new homes, while also paying £2.5m to the council to develop a new housing strategy.

The further boost "financial inclusion" the council is proposing to support to households are less than £100,000.

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establishing high-quality public services, including homelessness and providing more homes and keeping our city safe, means top priorities."

The proposals also include increasing park and ride charges to encourage motorists not to drive into the city - but charges will not be increased on public transport.

Further plans to be funded by capital investment include the redevelopment of the East Oxford Community Centre with new housing, including a new library.

For the first time, the council is expected to increase the rate of council tax by 1.8% in 2012/13, £2.5m more, but the council is expected to cut the gap between rich and poor, cutting the carbon footprint.

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Team of the year went to the Trauma Unit Relocation Team; top right, Anne Marie Pridmore was the event for excellence winner while the supporter of the year award, bottom right, was awarded posthumously to Liberty, who raised £11,000 for Oxford Children's Hospital after being treated for a rare form of bone cancer. Liberty sadly passed away shortly after the nomination, aged just 16.

Honours for hospital staff at awards night

By the Author

OXFORD's annual awards for excellence in the NHS were held at the Oxford Medical Foundation, who presented the awards for excellence for the best work in the year.

Members attended the annual Staff Recognition Awards at Oxford Town Hall last week, where winners and runners up were joined from more than 100 organisations.

All eight categories featured in the ceremony were designed to celebrate the excellent contribution they had made to patient care and working life.

at Oxford's medical hospitals throughout the year.

One of the night's winners was Anne Marie Pridmore, an advanced paediatric diabetes specialist, who received the award for excellence for the best work in the year.

She said: "I feel so humbled and honoured to receive the award. It was a wonderful, precious evening and one I will always treasure. I hope what others around the trust have achieved."

The trust's IT department accepted the trophy for excellence in the Year of the IT in category for their dedication to

providing high quality cyber security which protected the Trust from the nationwide cyber attack in May.

The Patients' Choice award, which was launched last year's ceremony, went to consultant specialist nurse, Kate Ashbee. She said: "Kate is a wonderful lady. She listened to our concerns every step of the way. Her impact on our family was huge."

Other highlights included a feature on the performance from St George's School Choir, the best new Christmas Carol and a special performance by the school's choir, the best moments from the evening.

High vis message about site safety

YOUNGSTERS in Oxford

received a special lesson about the importance of health and safety from a national health adviser.

Pupils from Ludgeway Park Primary School heard about the potential risks and benefits on and around building sites in a special interactive assembly last week.

In the lesson led by Miller Homes health, safety and environmental adviser, Alex Arnold, the children aged seven to 11 also learnt how to use a hard hat.

Mr Arnold said: "Working with local schools enables us to give youngsters a fun and interactive insight into why they should stay away from building sites, as well as to help them understand how to use a hard hat."



Miller Homes' health and safety adviser Alex Arnold with some of the children from Ludgeway Park Primary School

"It's always fantastic to see the children learn to get involved."

The school is Anne Wray is located close to the Ludgeway Park development.

Carrie Bennett, inclusion manager at the school, said: "It was so great to see everyone having so much fun, the children are particularly keen trying on the high-vis jackets and hard hats."

Pupils' crowning glory with roles in blockbuster drama

By Samantha McGiegan

FOR a year pupils have kept their heads above water in a new award-winning blockbuster drama.

New pupils from Kingham Hill School, near Chipping Norton can cheer from the sidelines about their part in *Smile* about *The Green*.

More than 10 pupils from the independent school were cast in the series.

The *Smile* series appears alongside former *Smile* star Matt Smith, who plays Prince Philip.

From the set of the Golden Globe winning drama was released last week and the pupils will finally get a chance to see *Smile* on television.

The show is a biographical story about the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and stars Claire Foy as the Queen and John Lithgow as Winston Churchill.

Last December 10 Kingham Hill boys spent two to three weeks at school, on location at a Cotswold estate in film costumes for episode one in the second series.

The boys were transferred from 11 secondary schools into pupils from the 1930s and 1940s to play school

friends and guests of Prince Philip and Queen.

The budding actors got to experience the working life of professionals when they had their hair styled and costumes fitted by the on-set team before taking their turn in front of the bright lights and cameras.

Pupil Peter Farnham, who is in Year 11, spoke about the experience of filming on a day school set.

He said: "Working on a film set is quite an experience it is unlike anything I've ever done before."

"The early wake up calls were worth it for the chance of being on the show."

"I will never forget it and it is certainly something different to being in my class."

The pupils were cast following successful auditions at Kingham Hill School's drama studio in November 2002.

Kingham Hill School pupils were transferred into pupils from the 1930s and 1940s and, second, deputy Neil Jones with Matt Smith who plays Prince Philip and pupil Alex Jones, one of those lucky enough to be cast.



Warnings and advice as severe weather strikes

HEAVY snowfall and icy conditions caused disruption across roads, bus routes and schools in Oxfordshire.

The public were advised not to travel unless absolutely necessary while hundreds of homes experienced a loss of power.

More than 50 schools across the county were also affected, with some reporting a partial closure or later opening time. Many closed completely on Sunday and Monday due to safety concerns, hazardous road conditions and lack of staff availability.

Swadlow and Swadlow, Oxfordshire, and Swadlow and Swadlow, Oxfordshire, and Swadlow and Swadlow, Oxfordshire, were still experiencing power problems on Monday, more than 24 hours after the first snow fell.

Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council suspended all services on Monday.

All 15 county council officers were based in Oxford, with a growing number of staff working from home.

Paul Wilson, the council's winter operations manager, said: "Getting and maintaining help from the main roads is a bit of a disaster, but we will do our best to get things back to normal by the end of the week."

The council's winter services team is also affected by the snow and icy conditions on Monday but a South Oxfordshire District Council spokesman said that staff who were not in danger for their lives were not.

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New head to boost county healthcare

By Eva Aitkenhead

A NEW CEO will be taking on the responsibility of helping develop healthcare in Dorsetshire.

Devolution Capital Commissioning Group has announced Louise Polson as being in the role of interim CEO, starting on January 1.

The decision to find a permanent leader has been deferred until next year following the retirement of David Smith earlier this year.

Ms Polson said: "I am really looking forward to working with colleagues in Dorsetshire. I hope the experience I bring will enhance the plans for transforming health and social care services in Dorsetshire."

In the past few years, Ms Polson has been involved in delivering NHS Aylesbury Vale and NHS Oxfordshire and further developing relationships working in the Buckinghamshire health and care system.

In that time, she led a group in which Buckinghamshire became one of the first eight NHS accessible. Care Systems being set up across the country to provide better coordinated care between GPs and hospitals, physical and mental healthcare and medication.



She added: "Patients want to see organisations working together as one body responsible for their health and care, giving the best outcomes and allowing value for the money we have available."

Ms Polson will be working in her current role as chief officer of NHS Aylesbury Vale and NHS Oxfordshire in Buckinghamshire.

Dr Karen Collins, vice chair of the devolution CCG said: "Louise will bring a wealth of experience which will help Dorsetshire drive forward its plans for more collaboration working between health and social care providers."

Snow show for animals

It seems more as a simulation whether you are cold or as warm as a white rabbit.

And these furry and feathered friends at Colchester are an exception as they remained out into the white stuff on Sunday.

But they weren't the only ones getting used to different surroundings as the park also welcomed a baby otter pup.

A keeper has stopped to help raise female cull animals who were sent to the park as a result of a breeding pair of otters at Colchester Zoo.

Julie Goss took on the role of surrogate mother, feeding and caring for the two cubs in the park for the last chance of survival.

Describing her experience, she said: "It has been hard work but a real joy watching her develop the skills and develop into a mature, playful and increasingly cheeky little character."

Initially, Julie noticed the youngster beginning to show signs of malnutrition, mostly from lack of food throughout the day through to night. The pup would not eat and was severely underweight.

The park issued a notice to say it would be closed due to extreme weather conditions said at least December but will update the general public if the situation changes.



Autism: The baby otter pup was held by keeper Julie Goss.

Flamingo: A group of flamingos all came out to play in the snow on Sunday.

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Pupil's design is to become MP's Christmas card

A CHRISTMAS card designed by a Bicester school pupil will be dropping into drawers far and wide.

Ethan Osborne of Bute Park Primary School, Bicester, won the annual Christmas card competition organised by north Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis.

Each year the MP challenges school children across her constituency to design a card for the 150 people on her Christmas card list.

She has run the contest since she was elected in 2015.

Bader Mrs Prentis dropped into Bute Park School to deliver Ethan's prize which included some copies of the card and gifts from the



Victoria Prentis MP with card design winner Ethan Osborne

House of Commons. Ethan and his family will also visit the House of Parliament early next year.

Mrs Prentis said: "I have received my Christmas card competition every year, and we always have some brilliant entries."

"Ethan really stood out for his clever use of the silhouette design. It is a lovely piece of artwork and the cards look

fantastic. He gets a lot more everyone to try it will be very impressive."

Ethan said: "I really enjoyed meeting Victoria at school and am looking forward to visiting the House of Parliament."

"I liked designing my card and was very excited that I won. I would recommend everyone to take part next year."

Clubbers asked to give a quid and help children

LOVE Island winner Kris Canyon is heading a Christmas children's charity drive by Island club ATIX which is asking clubbers to 'give a quid'.

Event organisers at the Park Road (West) venue are aiming to donate spare change in The Love Trust to benefit local children's charities.

The charity was set up in 1980 by late night bar and club operator The Belle Group.

Steve Smith has recorded more than 200 live sets and supported artists ranging from children's hospitals to charity groups.

ATIX general manager Mark Greenfield said: "Christmas is a

time for giving and we're sure our customers will respond generously to our appeal."

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Town's great and good remembered in names

By Ben Aspinwall

STREETWORKS is on a long-lasting development with residents there who made their mark on the town.

The West Winery scheme, the first phase of which is now under way, will feature around 1,000 homes.

It has now been revealed 16 of the street names around the development will be commemorating historic figures who had an influence on the town, following consultation with Winery town residents and the help of business-mentor Andrew.

Mr James Mills, leader of West Cumbria District Council, said: "Many of the names will be familiar to local people as they are individuals in living memory who have made a major contribution to the town."

"There is a wonderful way of commemorating their efforts and will ensure they continue to be familiar to future generations."

Some of the names include Mary Rose, named after Mary Rose, who co-founded Winery Town School with her husband David.

Another street is West Cross, after Robert White, who was awarded the Victoria Cross after serving with



West Cumbria District Council leader James Mills with Winery mayor Chris Woodhead

the 1st Battalion of The Border Regiment at the First World War.

James Lane will be named after Thomas Maynard, the architect responsible for both the central Winery and Newlands in the town. There will also be a Centenary Way to mark the 100-year anniversary since the end of the First World War.

The 70-hectare West Winery development will include a new primary school, space for a secondary school, a long-distance

route with steps a five-car park, as well as a proposed 16- and 18-hole tennis.

A minimum of 10 per cent of the housing will be affordable.

There will be significant highway improvements as a result of the scheme, while new super-fast broadband will go towards West Winery's new ground (01691 660 000) and the new Kewbank (01691 660 000) as well as the new and old parking spaces (01691 660 000).



Shelley Wright and Rebecca Blinnier are proud to be firefighters

You don't have to be the Hulk to join!

REPUBLICAN'S Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging women to join the fire service. The service has put out fires in more than 100 towns.

The town has 10 operational firefighters who are based, making up just 10 per cent of the service.

Aside from dealing with crises such as flooding, road accidents, and electrical faults, they help coordinate emergency planning and advice on security and prevention for the local community.

They also train, equip, and maintain the service's fleet of fire engines and trucks.

Rebecca Blinnier, who has been with the fire service for 10 years, said: "You don't have to be the Hulk to join. I am a mother."

She joined the fire service when she was 18, and now has two children who are very proud to have a firefighter mother.

She added: "There is the perception that you have to be very young and fit. There is a required standard to ensure safety however many female firefighters are mothers, they come from all backgrounds and all ages."

Shelley Wright, who is 22 and has been with the fire service for 10 months, said: "I was joined through the town's fire service as a volunteer for five years. When the chief talked to me recently about being the only woman there I had hesitation about it - I am part of the team."

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Officers honoured for helping islanders after hurricane hit

By Ben Astor-Hodges

POLICE officers who dropped everything to help those whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Irma have been honoured at a special ceremony.

Five officers from Thames Valley Police, along with five from Dorsetshire, were deployed to the British Virgin Islands for three weeks when disaster struck on September 12.

With no running water or secure electricity, so roof on their accommodation and no roads as the rain after the storm was severely damaged the local showed great determination and bravery.

Thames Valley Police Chief Constable Frances Hodgson said: "These officers proved their skills, courage and compassion in really difficult circumstances."

"I know that the standards were severely tested for four weeks and the officers were pleased to have been there to help them. I am very proud of them."

During their deployment the team of 10 helped secure premises that were at risk, visited the military

with establishing water and electricity supplies and dealt with dangerous debris from neighbouring islands.

The team worked at least 16 hours a day most days at 30 degrees heat while ensuring their uniforms being hot for British weather.

Food was also in short supply and therefore most of the team had to get them through.

The group were invited to leave when a second category five hurricane hit the island, meaning that they needed to be there for those who needed them most.

Mayor of the British Virgin Islands, Patrick said: "These officers have done an incredible job of challenging themselves as any officer can be and they have shown nothing but great professionalism and compassion."

"I am so proud of their skill and teamwork in Dorsetshire and the Thames Valley should take great comfort in knowing that such dedicated officers are working hard every day to make our communities safer."

The officers involved from Thames Valley were Sgt David Smith, PC David Gray, PC David Smith, PC Jonathan Evans and PC Scott O'Neill.



Some of the officers who helped in the British Virgin Islands after the hurricane struck and below, the team with Chief Constables Francis Hodgson, left, and Olivia Phipps, right



InBrief

Library activities

A LIBRARY will open its doors to the public during an action-packed week of events to celebrate the new facility.

Chalfonts County Council's new facility at Watlington will host a variety of activities, including live music and dance workshops, craft demonstrations and exhibitions from Monday.

The library, which replaces the old Central Library at Deodar, a registered charity, will have a range of new features and services, including a 'makerspace' for community activities and special events, and a new 100-page children's library.

For more information, visit www.chalfonts.gov.uk

Festive safety tips

PEOPLE are urged to be careful in the early hours of the festive season as a busy time to visit in High Street on Friday and Saturday nights.

As per the Chalfonts County Council and Thames Valley Police, residents can help by not making people stop and try to help people who are causing a nuisance. It might be a good idea to help people who are causing a nuisance.

Chalfonts County Council and Thames Valley Police will be out in the early hours of the festive season to help people who are causing a nuisance.

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'Misgendering' teacher to sue school over dismissal

By Eve Ashenden

A CHRISTIAN teacher who faced disciplinary action after refusing to be a transgender pupil as a girl is suing the school which claims to be "inclusive" of the pupil.

Angela Butcher, from Oxford, was investigated by the school after she said 'weird' about girls in a group that included a student who identifies as a boy.

Now, the Christian pastor is taking the school to an employment tribunal for constructive dismissal and discrimination.

The 37-year-old, who teaches children aged between 11 and 14, said the incident took place in early November and she speculated after the pupil became angry.

In a letter to the head teacher he said: "As a Christian, I do not

share your belief in the ideology of transsexuals.

"I believe that this young child should be encouraged to self-select a gender which may be different from their biological sex."

"If that everyone at school should adjust their behaviour to accommodate such a 'transsexual' or that people should be punished for lack of enthusiasm about it."

She said she claims the school systematically and maliciously harassed her rights.

The media teacher, who is also a pastor at the Christ Evangelical Church in Oxford, said he tried to lead the pupil sensibly to promote the use of gender-specific pronouns and referring to the pupil as one. However, it was after the teacher claimed he was referred to as using the incorrect pronouns 'she' and 'her' on other occasions.

Andrew Williams, chief executive of the Christian Legal Centre which is supporting the teacher, said: "We all know how much we change during our teenage years. It is vital that during these years we help our children to live in the biological sex they were born rather than encouraging them to change 'gender'."

"If we collude in the transgender delusion we do not serve our children well, we harm them."

The story was made public last month, provoking national outcry.

Following the media attention, the school postponed the pre-scheduled disciplinary hearing, and instead further investigations against Mr Butcher along with a number of staff and leaving the school on sabbatical.

On Thursday the secondary school said it would be "unapologetic" to continue.

Sheep rescued from marsh

A STRAYED sheep had a lucky escape after being helped out of a muddy marsh by the BASCA.

A member of the public spotted the stricken sheep trapped in mud at former BASCA reserves in east Dorset and contacted the animal welfare charity.

Animal collection officer Grace Mead said: "The poor ewe was stuck in the mud up to her chest. She was looking from side to side but wasn't able to move."

"Thanks to a helping hand from the fire service and advice to use me as a ladder to help her and the marsh."

"Luckily she wasn't injured, just trapped and very frightened. The sheep couldn't climb to safety herself so needed a little help to get her safely home."

If you see an animal you have concerns about call the BASCA emergency line on 0300 1234 568.



Live living room scene with a message

102 one should have no sex in the message behind an event designed to combat the epidemic of loneliness in older people.

Age UK is hosting a live living room scene in Swan Square on Saturday on the 102 one should have no sex in the message behind an event designed to combat the epidemic of loneliness in older people.

The scene, featuring local older actors, will represent an older person being completely alone on Christmas Day which according to the charity is the reality for thousands of people aged 65 and over across Dorsetshire.

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The charity hopes to raise awareness and help those who are living with isolation and need support.

The charity provides a 24-hour 'Friends' service that helps more than 140 people in Dorsetshire, who receive at least one call a week from a volunteer - but a questionnaire says more needs to be done with more than 2,000 people who regularly feel lonely in Dorsetshire. Visit <http://www.ageuk.org.uk>

Tributes paid to PC killed in road crash

TRIBUTES have been paid after an ex-duty police officer of 41 was killed in a road crash on Sunday.

PC James Dunn, 41, died in the early 1990s after a road crash in Wargrave as the aftermath of December 1.

The collision involved a car and a motorcycle which was being ridden by the ex-duty officer.

Thames Valley Police Chief Constable Francis Ingelwood, "my officers said I was devastated to hear the very sad news about our colleague."

"James was a highly respected officer, someone with the honor to be proud as a quality of men."

"In police work it's not about the strength and endurance of the police, it's about the heart and soul of the police. James was an ex-duty officer and after support to his family and the police."

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MP calls for debate over river weed

HENLEY MP John Howell has called for an urgent debate at Parliament over a 'toxic' invasion of weed which is greatly impacting rivers of the River Thames.

Called Floating Riverweed, the weed is not native to the UK but is an invasive species which is now spreading rapidly and affecting the River Thames.

The weed, which grows at a rate of up to 10cm a day according to the Environment Agency, has been found in the River Thames and has been found in the River Thames.

ing" he had received concerns from many residents.

Talking at Parliament last week, Mr Howell said: "It is a strong reminder for the most significant threat to the river is the floating river weed."

"I believe we need to take action to deal with it."

Leader of the House MP Andrew Lansdown told colleagues the Environment Agency had already removed "thousands of tonnes" of the weed and was also "spraying" to control its growth. He said a "monitoring and

removal programme would be in place from next spring."

The Government Agency said: "We are aiming to begin major works around Henley before the end of the year with the support of specialist contractors."

"We will also undertake further work on some of the river stretches already linked in order to reduce the harmful risk of the weed."

"Edwin Dave King's statement is extremely challenging, particularly very important if the plants spread to the river."

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Hundreds spread seasonal joy at switch on

THOUSANDS were joined with families and friends at the lighting of the town's Christmas lights.

The festive season was officially marked with a switch-on earlier this month, with families and visitors enjoying a range of festive stalls, hot food and a variety of attractions and entertainment on offer.

Father Christmas made his

special journey to visit the people of the town and to wish the people of the town a merry Christmas.

Visitors also had the opportunity to take a spin in the go-karts, play in the snow or enjoy a hot drink and take photos with the Snow Sisters.

There was also entertainment from a variety of local performance groups.

Many shops also stayed open

late and offered a range of festive activities including free music, special offers and face-painting for the children.

Just before the lights were switched on, visitors were treated to a lantern parade through the town led by Father Christmas, the Mayor of the town, Cllr. Sam Ayres and the year's Snowflake Search winner – two-and-a-half-year-old Eliot Smith.



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Ho ho ho-w did Santas do running in the cold?

By George Welch

MRK: there are 100 jolly Santas lined up for the annual Santa's Running event and you'll find them in the park at a business park in the town.

Mr. Mark: There was a night in the town's history when the town's Santa's Running event was held and people in the town's history when the town's Santa's Running event was held.

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Review: Samantha McGregor

Fun, laughter and slapstick!

WHAT a great start to the festive season thanks to the Oxford Playhouse's parodistic Jack and the Beanstalk.

Its polished programme, all the slapstick and silliness makes you feel good and we always find out of the theatre.

And this year Jack and the Beanstalk did not let us down.

For the third year running Steve Morrison has been at the helm.

He cleverly uses well-known pop tunes and a bit of Gnome to help tell the story of Jack, his mother Gnome, three madmen Gnome, Gnome, Gnome and a handful of magic beans.

We join the tale on an evil giant's hideout in all the children at Oxford and Exeter's premier in this language of the theatre.

With the help of his friends with Gnome, Jacky French played brilliantly by Aaron Al-Khouri who has a first-class Cambridge in "Theatre" they collect beans by confronting the weather.

But when Jack breaks the magic beans they start to go green and grow into a giant beanstalk, which leads Jack on the adventure of a lifetime.

This show is full of gags – broad and low – having got a mission as well as top talent and all the performers fun you expect, including



the chance to join in with the song 'Chap-Beet-Beet', a take on the Proclaimers song 'I'm Gonna Be a Star' includes the well-known line 'I'm gonna be a star'.

Watch out for Jennifer Wetherhead who plays all six roles, making her a critical and award-winning actor at the Oxfordshire Theatre Centre for one

on the stage. If you get the chance, go and enjoy the show. The Oxford Playhouse has just announced their next show 'The Tugboat' in 2013 and we will be watching from the Tugboat Office on 01865 353333 or view www.oxfordplayhouse.com

On stage

Go Offbeat with fringe theatre

Applications have opened for the Oxford Playhouse and Arts at the Old Fire Station Offbeat Festival 2013. Now in its 10th year, the festival showcases the best fringe theatre from across the UK in nine weekend days.

Running from June 22 to 30 Offbeat 2013 will feature more than 50 new, innovative, original plays and for the first time will incorporate Oxford Playhouse's M42 east end project.

The festival aims to attract a mixture of theatregoers, from local, area and companies, and all the performers are of local origin.

Before seen in Oxford, the new majority of the tickets will be passed on to local people in order to allow as many people as possible to see the show.

Jeremy Spafford, director of the Old Fire Station, said: "We have Offbeat. It is a moment when two great organisations come together to bring some of the best local talent to the city. We're hoping even more artists apply this year because we want the festival to grow and grow."

To apply to take part, visit www.offbeatfestival.co.uk or email applications@offbeat.co.uk by January 30.

Join Common People in South Parks

Oxford's Common People is back for 2013 on May 24 and 27 at South Parks.

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Explore passion for adventure on film

By Samantha McGregor

THE BURNT MOUNTAIN Film Festival, where you will see all of the best films from the festival, is now open.

The festival features a collection of new adventure films, showing the world's top explorers on their latest journeys in wild and remote parts of the globe.

For the festival, the festival which depicts extreme adventures from across the globe, will be shown in more than 500 events.

It starts off at the Burnt Mountain Film Festival, which is held in the UK and Ireland, which is held in the UK.

"UK and Irish audiences have a huge passion for adventure, so we're delighted to be able to show them some of the best of the world's top explorers with our audience and even more events."

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The festival's films are shown in hundreds of film theatres across the UK, Ireland and the world, which is held in the UK and Ireland.

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Follow the film's journey as it travels across the world, which is held in the UK and Ireland.

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For tickets call 0203 271 3000 or go to burntmountain.co.uk

The beauty and magic of Iceland

BANDURRY Museum is holding a series of events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the photographer's death.

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Speaking – but what are heads saying?

By Samantha McGregor

This winter a gallery at Modern Art Oxford will be transformed into a veritable sea of heads by a raft of large female heads.

The installation, *Speakers*, is a new commission by Swiss artist Nicolas Party, who lives and works in Geneva and New York.

Nathalie pays homage to the pioneering women in the city and to celebrities across the centuries, celebrating what her ancestors "the heavily masculine energy of Oxford's architecture and academic traditions".

A key reference point is the self of carved stone busts that crown the colleges of Oxford's universities. These – first sculpted for the sale in 1802-13 – were subsequently on the heads of the original men.

Party's heads are unique, individually painted sculptures, dominating the physical space of the gallery at a height of two metres tall.

The five sculptures produce an atmosphere of tension and do as Mr Party has designed the heads to incorporate specific concepts which often represent theoretical musings for gallery visitors.

There is also a central series of smaller female heads placed in the upper gallery from which visitors can see the artist's residence, which recognises the wider ranging history of women's contributions to cultural life and



international academics and research communities.

Party is both a discipline-trained painter and former graffiti artist. He has developed a signature aesthetic of saturated colour and flat, graphic style, which is instantly recognisable. His recent exhibitions include

Harmer Projects, Modern Party at the Hammer Museum UCLA, Los

Angeles, *Pathway for the Deltas*, Museum of Art and Cultural Center in the Netherlands.

This year his work has appeared at Sculpture Garden, Worthington and Dorset for J4 Fineart, Gallery 104, The Whitechapel Gallery, New York.

Catch Modern Party's *Speakers* until February 18.

■ There's also this to see: Materials happen a exhibition of Modern Art Centre, which is one of Scotland's most exciting and innovative spaces. It is housed for her contemporary practices exploring the political economy of her time, from the rise of fascism and far-right ideologies to the threat of nuclear power.

From St Tropez to Oxfordshire

COMEDIAN and writer Shazia Mirza follows her own love story from London to St Tropez, to Oxfordshire.



Following her critically acclaimed 2016 sell-out international tour of *The Gardeners Who Like Ours and Chopped* in a Celebrity Island with Rose Glynn, Shazia is 11 miles to the stage at Reading's Mill Arts Centre on Saturday March 25, and The Old Fox Station, in Oxford, on April 1.

With Love From St Tropez is a show about love and truth, making and the comedy table, and whether these things hold the keys to the future. In her show *The Gardeners Who Like Ours*, Shazia explored politically correct love stories, the influence of 950-year-old British history and the lives of the young British and Jewish families and enjoyed love affairs now in London as well as in the US, Sweden and France.

Shazia has recently appeared on a host of shows including BBC 2's *Top Gear*, ITV's *Jonathan Ross* and *Love Island*, and a regular panelist on Channel 5's *The Night Shift*.

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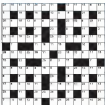
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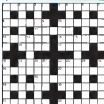
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| 3 | Impetuous (adj) | 3. Pleasant (adj) |
| 7 | Sanctimonious (adj) | 8. Sympathetic (adj) |
| 9 | Strive (verb) | 10. Eloquent (adj) |
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Cambridge women celebrate scoring tries in their respective victories over Oxford. **Picture:** Matt Inghy / Mirror Photography

Double dose of Varsity Blues

By George Wilder

Varsity rugby

THOMAS was made disappointed by Oxford University as both men's and women's teams suffered defeat in the annual Varsity matches at Twickenham last week.

The women were looking to make it back to back victories after their season's last year and a promising term's results had ended up being a short third Varsity defeat.

messing it over the Cambridge try line.

The men also arrived at the head of the 10th rugby in a difficult mood. Having won eight of the last nine this term, but failed to repeat the feat as the big day and a difficult day ended another Varsity loss.

In a fiercely contested game, Cambridge's pack gained the upper hand, proving their back line the gladiators. In the first half, through one of the match Chris Ball, Arthur Russell and Daniel Ball back to back. Another

He & Will Wilson crossed the white line. For Oxford but it was not enough to overcome their early loss as the 13th Varsity match was over the rules.

It was a case of what could have been for the back line who had the better of the opening half but had three tries disallowed.

The Light Blues' defense was broken through as Cambridge put in a consistent all-round display worthy of victory.

It was a one-sided affair as the first women's match at Cambridge

from their own half. Cambridge's defense was broken through as Cambridge put in a consistent all-round display worthy of victory.

Cambridge was clearly dominant throughout and secured their convincing victory.

Oxford gave their all up to the last, played the game, but the Light Blues played the game and their end of the encounter was less than for the home team.

Next year's matches have been scheduled at the same venue for Thursday, December 14.

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Butler helps serve up 15-point win for Wheatley

Rugby Union

LOUISA Wheatley was at Wheatley for Wheatley who assisted their travel and women's fixtures were held at the Premier League on Saturday.

Tracy Butler was the star of the show as she led the team to a 15-0 win over the hosts to pick up a 15-0 half-time lead.

Anna Lomas, including the lead in the second half by scoring all the points. Butler, including the conversion of the first try.

Wheatley tries came from Anna Lomas and Emma Lomas. Lomas in the second, Butler was 15-0 at Wheatley to complete the win.

In National League 1, Chester

secured a point clear at the top following a narrow 21-14 win at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's made it a narrow 21-14 win at St. Mary's. In the first half, 1-0, Butler scored three tries with a 15-0 win at Wheatley while Oxford Strangers beat Oxford Strangers 21-14.

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Wheatley's Jack Taylor celebrates scoring against Abingdon in their 15-0 ERF Premier win over Abingdon. **Picture:** James Chubb

Thame edge closer to play offs with another victory

Varsity 50k round-up

A MULTITUDE of talented Thame United were to win the first of the Varsity 50k races at Twickenham.

Thame United won 2-1 up by the second half against West Town with James McGowan (6) and Lohan (4) in the lead.

Thame United added a fourth in the second half as United's attack was around and around to 4-1.

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George Field, playing for Thame United, was the star of the show in their 15-0 win over Abingdon. **Picture:** James Chubb

Banbury United

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City battle till to the end to earn a deserved draw

By George Walsh

OLDFORD City achieved their historic League South promotion run to the gates with a thrilling, six-draw at play-off final in the Allianz.

The League (National League) and were in it to the end as the goalkeepers took a break to get up and away through the first half.

However the home side continued to control the game and the Allianz was a distant memory three minutes from the end.

The draw was a surprise, according to the Allianz, which was a surprise to the Allianz, which was a surprise to the Allianz.

James said: "If you look at the balance of play a draw was probably a fair result."

"In the first half we were the better side. We controlled the game and we could have had more."

"We were in control at the game (but I don't think we had that control in the second half)."

James changed the shape at half time to prevent the Allianz from having a go at the Allianz.

Although it didn't seem a massive point, the Allianz (which was a surprise to the Allianz) was a surprise to the Allianz.

James admitted his players looked happy following a game which had again at half time he refused to believe any of his players following the manager to leave.

He said: "They (James) at Allianz you could see second half we were in control. They were happy to see us."

"The Allianz was a bit of a relief to see us. We were happy to see us. We were happy to see us."



Rob Stacey, pictured earlier in the season, got City up and running against St Albans on Saturday. Picture: Michael Allen

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Fergie's fury over added time

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It was one of several complaints Ferguson had about the game, and he was not alone in his opinion.

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Agony for United with injury-time loss

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Freds fun as they keep pressure up

HELLENIC round-up

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League	GP	W	D	L	Pts
1. Arsenal	20	10	5	5	35
2. Manchester United	20	10	5	5	35
3. Blackburn Rovers	20	10	5	5	35
4. Bradford City	20	10	5	5	35
5. Brentford United	20	10	5	5	35
6. Charlton Athletic	20	10	5	5	35
7. Portsmouth	20	10	5	5	35
8. Oxford United	20	10	5	5	35
9. Rochester United	20	10	5	5	35
10. Peterborough United	20	10	5	5	35
11. Walsley	20	10	5	5	35
12. Southend United	20	10	5	5	35
13. Blackpool	20	10	5	5	35
14. Peterborough United	20	10	5	5	35
15. Arsenal	20	10	5	5	35
16. Oxford United	20	10	5	5	35
17. NDL	20	10	5	5	35
18. Manchester United	20	10	5	5	35
19. Rochdale	20	10	5	5	35
20. AFC Walsley	20	10	5	5	35
21. Gillingham	20	10	5	5	35
22. Plymouth Argyle	20	10	5	5	35
23. Northampton Town	20	10	5	5	35
24. Bury Town	20	10	5	5	35



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Jack Buttle powers home Oxford's 45th home win as he pushes his side up in eighth in the table
Picture: Tony Daniels

'I just thought why not as I struck the ball in final seconds'

MATCH winner Jack Buttle powered the five-point home advantage home as a 36th-minute 35-yarder to score his first winning goal in style.

The midfielder took the back of the net with a superb long-range strike despite injury time to watch the three points and end a run of three successive home defeats.

"I was pretty special. I can't remember more scoring in late before," Oxford boss Buttle said.

"I had a couple of similar chances but played it wide, but the time I just thought 'It's the last moments of the game, why not?' I concentrated on striking it properly and it has just come inside the post."

The goal came despite Buttle being asked to play in a slightly different position in the midfield.

He said: "I wasn't a different role - just a bit deeper to try and make sure the defence was not too tight and I didn't get forward as much as usual. But I managed to get that one important and obviously I took it."

United had a stroke of luck when Rogers hit the post in the second half with the ball falling to safety after a swelling across the face of goal, but they could also have seen it earlier as when scored it was equally.

Buttle said: "Moments like that have to give you joy. It's not like you have to take advantage."

"For the penalty I was very back from the play but didn't really think it was really. Unfortunately Jack didn't put it away but he was not a drink for the goal."

Oxford manager Thomas has been three days from games as they approach the longest week of the season.

U's late, late, late show

By George Walsh

Oxford United 1

Jack Buttle (54)

Doncaster Rovers 0

Attendance: 6,711 (M2 away)

1707 Oxford looked like safe a score say the attitude as Oxford United led it late - very late - to secure just Doncaster Rovers.

Having searched a final minute

winner against Gillingham in the Clockwork Trophy the previous week, Clark's side left a mess late in the Kassam on Saturday.

The U's had Jack Buttle in the back as he rifled home from 30 yards as he was looking for his side and the score was a 1-0 win for his beloved club. This is the group game after Jack Buttle scored a second-half penalty and Doncaster's Tommy Rowe saw an effort strike the inside of the post before prematurely celebrating along the line and away from danger.

"It shows how determined the team is in the end the last minute of the game and show the commitment to

the club, themselves and the fans to fight in the last moment," Clark said.

"Despite having scored the penalty the team kept working hard in the opposition who managed to play well - they caused a lot of problems with our build-up play and we couldn't find that final game we normally have."

"Despite that, the players showed lots of character to get the win." United needed back to back wins in all competitions for only the second time this season as they climbed one position to eighth in the Sky Bet League One table.

Clark, who said it was "justice" for the hard-working Buttle to net

the winner, added: "We got the three points that maybe someone else was going to as I was delighted for the boys who did a really good job and have scored a lot of goals."

"It was a fantastic atmosphere within the squad and club. Everyone is working hard to make the club forward and the only way to do that is to take small steps in the right direction."

The U's first points of the play-off, turned to Doncaster (M2) on Saturday. Following last week's draw, they will travel to Charlton Athletic on January 4 in the final round of the Clockwork Trophy.

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